GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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QUALITY CONTROL ON NH PROJECT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Union Government has any mechanism to check the quality of construction of ational Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the quality of work in construction of NH has been examined during the last 5 years;

(d) if so, the details thereof and outcome thereto, project-wise; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) Execution of works on National Highways is being done by the implementing agencies of this Ministry viz. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), State Public Works Departments (PWDs) and Border Roads Organization (BRO). In order to ensure that the execution of works conform to Ministry`s specifications and relevant publications of Indian Roads Congress, the implementing agencies have well established quality control system. For ensuring quality during construction, supervision consultants/ independent engineers are appointed by NHAI. Test checks are also performed by Project Directors of various field units. In some projects NHAI is also employing technical examiners to confirm the quality. For works handled by State PWDs and BRO, the quality control checks are performed by field officials.

(c) to (e) The implementing agencies are exercising necessary quality control checks as per norms prescribed during construction. If any defects are observed, the same are got rectified with full quality control and re-tested.